

In re Appln. No. 09/856,298

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which comprises culturing cells transformed with the nucleotide sequence according to claim 2, and collecting hBSSP4 produced.

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59(Amended). The process according to claim 57, wherein the cells are *E. coli* cells, animal cells or insect cells.

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64(Amended). An antibody against the protein according to claim 1 or a fragment thereof.

66(Amended). A process for producing a monoclonal antibody against the protein according to claim 1 or a fragment thereof which comprises administering the protein according to claim 1 or a fragment thereof to a warm-blooded animal other than a human being, selecting the animal whose antibody titer is recognized, collecting its spleen or lymph node, fusing the antibody producing cells contained therein with myeloma cells to prepare a monoclonal antibody producing hybridoma.

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67(Amended). A method for determining the protein according to claim 1 or a fragment thereof in a specimen which is based on immunological binding of an antibody against the protein or a fragment thereof to the protein or a fragment thereof.

68(Amended). A method for determining hBSSP4 or a fragment thereof in a specimen which comprises reacting a monoclonal antibody or a polyclonal antibody against the protein according to claim 1 or a fragment thereof and a labeled antibody with hBSSP4 or a fragment thereof in the specimen to detect a sandwich complex produced.

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69 (Amended). A method for determining hBSP4 or a fragment thereof in a specimen which comprises reacting a monoclonal antibody or a polyclonal antibody against the protein according to claim 1 or a fragment thereof with labeled hBBSP4 and hBSP4 or a fragment thereof in the specimen competitively to detect an amount of hBSP4 or a fragment thereof in the specimen based on an amount of the labeled hBBSP4 reacted with the antibody.

70 (Amended). The method according to claim 67, wherein the specimen is a body fluid.

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71 (Amended). A diagnostic marker for diseases in tissues comprising the protein according to claim 1.